

Mission Link
Central Area of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
In the Southwest Region
Abilene, Texas

Summer – 2009

Central Area Stewardship Sunday

The Executive Committee of the Central Area has declared September 20 as “Central Area Stewardship Sunday. We have held only one other Central Area Stewardship Sunday in the last nine years. The financial situation of the Area calls forth the necessity for another one this year.

Bulletin inserts and collection envelopes have been sent to every congregation. Please encourage your members to prayerfully consider a **one time gift** to the Central Area. Thank you in advance for participation in this important offering.

Area Assembly

As you know, the “normally scheduled” Area Assembly date of the first Sunday in May, was postponed due to lack of registrations and “some” concern about the swine flu. We are looking forward to you attending the fall event.....

Central Area Assembly
October 17, 2009



- WHAT:** Central Area Assembly
- WHEN:** October 17, 2009
- WHERE:** First Christian Church – Abilene
- WHY:** Area Ministers Special Gathering
Neighborhood Fellowship
Annual Business Meeting
- WHO:** One plus three (Minister with three lay persons)
- W-COST:** \$12.00 per person - \$7.00 childcare
- WHICH:** Neighborhood can bring the most people?

(This event was re-scheduled from May 2 to October 17, 2009)

Central Area Assembly
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
October 17, 2009

First Christian Church - Activity Center
1420 North Third - Abilene, Texas

Schedule of the Day

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration in the Activity Center The Activity Center is located on the Northwest corner of the city block – on the corner of N. 4 th and Beech St.
10:00 –10:30	Welcome/Guided Meditation
10:30 –11:00	Dialogue Sermon on Guiding Vision of the Southwest Region
11:00 –Noon	Resource Groups: A. Special Session with Area Ministers Led by Tony L. Salisbury, Area Minister B. Neighborhood Mission Projects Led by John Pennington, Moderator
Noon –1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 –2:00	Annual Business Session
2:00 –3:00	Assembly Worship
3:00 p.m.	Goodbye neighbor

← Detach and Mail →
Registration Form
Mister Rogers Neighborhood

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Congregation: _____

____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

____ X \$7.00 = \$ _____

Names & ages for childcare: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail with registration fee to:

Central Area
1420 North Third
Abilene, TX 79601

Registration Deadline October 12 – Late Fee \$10.00

We are asking and praying that every pastor plus three lay persons from EVERY congregation will attend. Please send in your registration now and begin talking to others in your congregation about going with you.

Disciples Women

Resources ... and more!

A new resource [order form](#) is available for Disciples Women. It features several new items that previewed at General Assembly.



- Limited supply of great, full-sized red aprons with pockets and black briefcases with shoulder strap; both sport an embroidered women's logo. Order early.
- Beautiful officer pins for your group's president and vice president. They are the lapel pin encircled with a band of gold for the president and teal for the vice president with the title printed in the band of color. The color band matches the color in the lapel pin.
- PowerPoint presentations with scripts and service projects are available for Woman-to-Woman Worldwide trips to Bosnia/Croatia and Israel/Palestine.

Orders may be placed via snail-mail by completing the printed form and enclosing a check or via email to odw@dhm.disciples.org with the complete ordering and shipping information as shown on the form. An invoice will be sent with the shipment. Please allow three to four weeks for processing.

New resource page on human trafficking

Announcing a new resource page for the [Social Action Emphasis Project of Human Trafficking](#): Breaking the Chains. You will find informational links, project ideas, group meeting activities, and the goal reporting form. Please check back for more updates.

Just Women winter issue coming soon

[Subscribe today](#) so you don't miss the upcoming Winter issue of *Just Women* to learn about the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide 2008 experience in Israel and Palestine. This will also insure that you receive the 2010 Spring issue of the year long Bible study.

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY OFFERING HELPS BUILD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DISCIPLES

Hispanic youth haven't always been well represented at Indiana youth camps. But this

summer a special grant from the Indiana Regional Commission on Reconciliation, allowed 18 mostly Hispanic youth from Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana (IHC) in Indianapolis to attend two camp programs. One Hispanic youth also was able to serve as a camp counselor in July.

Your special gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry Offering help support programs such as IHC's. The annual offering is split evenly between Regions and the General Church so that local congregations can seek grants from their Region and Regions can invest in pro-reconciliation/anti-racism efforts. This year's offering, with a theme of "Many Members, One Table," will be received in congregations on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. To read more about the offering, visit: www.reconciliationministry.org/offerings/

To read about the Indiana summer camp grant go to:

www.indianadisciples.org/reconcil.php



DISCIPLES CAN CELEBRATE HISTORY, IDENTITY AND CALLING ON OCT. 4

Disciples congregations will be able to share in a "three-in-one" celebration of history, identity, and our calling as a people of unity and reconciliation on Sunday, Oct. 4.

First, the Sunday has been identified as the date to observe the Great Communion Celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address. Second, it is World Communion Sunday, when churches and traditions around the world celebrate our oneness at the Table. Third, it is one of two Sundays that Disciples are urged to focus on the issues of racial justice as we receive the Reconciliation Offering. To read more about the ways your congregation can participate in the special observances on Oct. 4, go to: www.disciples.org/tabid/58/itemid/413/A-ThreeinOne-Celebration.aspx